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SUBJECT:ECUADOREAN REQUEST FOR LOS CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. QUITO 800 B. STATE 264836

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT EMBASSY ACTION IN RELAY-  
ING INFORMATION AND VIEWS CONTAINED REFTEL. AT PRESENT IT  
DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE FOR LOS TEAM TO VISIT ECUADOR IN  
THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. WE WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS DEEP SEA-  
BED ISSUE WITH ECUADOREAN DELEGATION AT EVENSEN MEETING IN  
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GENEVA COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28. FYI: ECUADOR HAS NOT BEEN  
A KEY PLAYER IN COMMITTEE I AND AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM  
THEM IN THAT AREA MIGHT PRESAGE REQUESTS FOR CHANGES  
IN THE US POSITION ON OTHER ISSUES, E.G. ARTICLE 53, HIGH-  
LY MIGRATORY SPECIES, WHERE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE  
THE ECUADOREAN POSITION. WE ARE, HOWEVER, INTERESTED IN  
KEEPING OPEN OUR CONTACTS WITH ECUADOR AND ASK THAT THE

EMBASSY FORWARD TO US ANY THOUGHTS ON COMMITTEE I WHICH GOE PROPOSES. END FYI.

2. AS REGARDS THE TUNA ISSUE, DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS WERE CONTAINED REF B. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH GOE, AND ARE PREPARED TO USE COVER OF LOS CONSULTATIONS IN QUITO AT MUTUALLY

CONVENIENT TIME TO EXPLORE CURRENT VIEWS ON THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, GOE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT US IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT CHANGES IN ARTICLE 53. RATHER, WE WOULD BE SEEKING VIEWS ON MUTUALLY AGREEABLE MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING IT. TIMING OF NEGOTIATION FOR NEW REGIONAL TUNA ARRANGEMENT IN EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME. RESULTS OF MANAGUA IATTC MEETING WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED, AND THIS MAY HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THE STEAM OUT OF DRIVE TO REPLACE IATTC. ALSO, MEXICO, WHICH HAS BEEN PRIME MOVER IN THIS AREA, HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OWN EXTENDED JURISDICTION. DEPARTMENT IS ASSUMING NO PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTER NEXT SESSION OF LOS, MAY 23-JULY 8.

8. WITH REGARD TO PARA 3 REF A, THERE IS NO RPT NO POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT AT LOS CONFERENCE ON A TERRITORIAL SEA GREATER IN BREADTH THAN 12 MILES. GOE PROPOSALS IN THAT REGARD ARE UNACCEPTABLE. WE HOPE GOE WILL NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN NEW CONSTITUTION TO ENSHRINE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND PROHIBIT GOE FLEXIBILITY.

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